

**Court of Appeals, State of Michigan**

**ORDER**

People of MI v Ronald Allen Nickert

Docket No. 291391

LC No. 08-000456-FH

William B. Murphy  
Presiding Judge

David H. Sawyer

Richard A. Bandstra  
Judges

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In lieu of granting the delayed application for leave to appeal, pursuant to MCR 7.205(D)(2), the Court VACATES that portion of the sentence that ordered defendant to pay attorney fees, and REMANDS this case to the trial court. The trial court erred in ordering defendant to pay attorney fees without first assessing defendant's ability to pay. *People v Dunbar*, 264 Mich App 240, 252-256; 690 NW2d 476 (2004). On remand, the trial court shall address defendant's current and future financial circumstances and foreseeable ability to reimburse the county for attorney fees before determining whether defendant should pay those fees. At the trial court's discretion, the decision may be made based on the record without the need for a formal evidentiary hearing. *Id.* With regard to the remaining issue, the application is DENIED for lack of merit in the grounds presented.

We do not retain jurisdiction.



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*Sandra Schultz Mengel*  
Chief Clerk